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SUBJECT:JAPAN-DRV RELATIONS

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON SEVERAL MATTERS, HABIB ASKED NISHIDA TO CONVEY TO HIS GOVERNMENT OUR HOPE THAT JAPAN COULD AVOID CONSUMMATING AN AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTH VIET-NAM JUST AT THE MOMENT WHEN NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE MASSIVELY ON THE OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM IN THE GROSSEST VIOLATION OF THE PARIS ACCORDS. NISHIDA SAID HE KNEW THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE WITH THE US, AND THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT.

2. YOU SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, ADDING THAT WE HOPE, TOO, THAT JAPAN COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO AVOID OPENING ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN HANOI AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME FOR THE SAME REASON. INGERSOLL

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